

Songs of Life Pioneer

Job title: Faith and Community Worker
Base: North Wales
Hours: 37 hours (with flexibility to negotiate fewer)
Salary: £34,000
Reporting to: Songs of Life Steering Group
Closing Date: Sunday 19 July (midnight)
Interviews: Tuesday 4 August (afternoon)



Songs of Life (Caneuon Bywyd) is a Methodist initiative in North Wales that seeks to create new Christian communities among people who may feel on the margins of society. Rooted in Bangor, Llandudno, and Connaught Quay, the project will use music, poetry, and storytelling as a creative and accessible way to bring people together, build relationships, and explore faith.

Synod Cymru is seeking to employ a Faith and Community Worker to lead this project. This will involve making connections with people in each location, using the performing arts as a means of starting conversations about faith. Monthly community gatherings will take the form of an open-mic night, hosted by the Faith and Community Worker. As relationships develop, this role will involve creating new opportunities for intentionally sharing faith, whilst recognising that the rhythm of the community will remain grounded in the regular hospitality of the monthly gathering.

We are looking for someone who

1. Is a practising Christian in sympathy with the Methodist Church, and who is also a musician and/or poet and/or story-teller.
2. Can pioneer new Christian community through one-to-one encounters and form gatherings through the framework of the performing arts.
3. Can build a team of volunteers to help develop and sustain communities at each of the three centres.
4. Will host a monthly open-mic night at each of the three centres as a community gathering and enable new people to make contact with the Songs of Life community.
5. Can take responsibility for organising the communities and who will be the primary point of contact for safeguarding and risk-assessment.

An Enhanced DBS disclosure and disbaring check will be required for this post.

To apply, please send your CV with a covering letter explaining how this role is right for you to cpmcoffice2@gmail.com.



JOB DESCRIPTION

Post: Faith and Community Worker (Songs of Life)

Purpose and Objectives:

Caneuon Bywyd - Songs of Life – is a new Christian community in which the sharing of music, poetry and story-telling will be used to connect with people living at the margins along the North coast of Wales, starting in Bangor, Llandudno and Connah's Quay. From these connections, relationships will be built; and from these foundations will arise opportunities to explore the Christian faith.

A Faith and Community Worker will make connections with people at each of the three locations, with a particular focus on the performing arts. Through one-to-one encounters and seeking out those living on the margins, where music and the performing arts can offer a window and framework for conversation, the Faith and Community Worker will seek to bring people together through a monthly gathering in each location. These gatherings will help develop relationships and explore faith. Initially, it is anticipated that these gatherings will take the form of an open-mic night, a distinctive feature of the *Caneuon Bywyd* community. As relationships develop the Faith and Community Worker will seek new opportunities for intentionally sharing faith, whilst recognising that the rhythm of the community will be grounded in the regular hospitality of the monthly gathering, at which new participants can encounter and connect with the *Songs of Life* community. Here, Christians and non-Christians can meet and explore through the vulnerability of the performing arts what makes life worth living. Here, an interest in song and story will become an interest in people. Here, a commitment to community will become a transformation in Christ.

Location: North Wales, with centres in Bangor, Llandudno and Connah's Quay

Responsible to: The Faith and Community Worker will be employed by Wales Synod Cymru, with their work overseen by a Songs of Life Steering Group. The chair of this group will be the line manager.

Main Responsibilities :

1. Pioneer creating new Christian community through one to one encounters and forming gatherings through the framework of performing arts.
2. Build a team of volunteers to help develop and sustain communities at each of the three centres.
3. Host a monthly open-mic night at each of the three centres to enable new people to make contact with the Songs of Life community.
4. Arrange regular meetings with small groups of participants at each centre, building honest relationships with participants.
5. Create opportunities for participants to have encounters with God.
6. Facilitate small group exploration of faith for those showing an interest.
7. Hold the primary responsibility for safeguarding and risk assessment for the Songs of Life communities.
8. Share stories of the work and fruit of the initiative with the local Circuits and across the District.

Terms and conditions

- This is a full-time post for 37 hours per week. There is however some flexibility over the hours to be worked, ranging from 20 hours, to be agreed with the successful candidate.
- The salary will be £34,000 per annum full time, pro rata for reduced hours.
- Flexible working will be required, including at evenings and weekends.
- There will be at least one full day free from responsibility each week.
- All reasonable expenses will be reimbursed and opportunities are available for ongoing training.
- 26 days annual leave entitlement per year, plus statutory holidays (pro rata for part-time hours).
- Appointment will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced DBS disclosure and satisfactory references
- Appointment will be subject to the satisfactory completion of a six-month probationary period.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

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	Attributes	Essential or Desirable	Method of Assessment
Education & Training	Training / qualification in community / church based work or other relevant field	E	Q
	Theological or biblical training	D	Q
Experience	Experience of communicating the Christian message effectively with non-Christians	E	A, I, P
	Experience of making music	E	A, I, P
	Experience of working with volunteers	E	A, I, P
	Experience of setting up and managing events	E	A, I, P
	Experience of working effectively with people from a wide range of backgrounds	E	A, I, P
	Experience of helping people to grow and learn as Christians	E	A, I, P
	Familiarity with working in a church setting	D	A, I, P
	Experience of setting up and establishing new church or community groups	D	A, I, P
	Experience of managing a budget	D	A, I, P
Knowledge & Skills	Openness in working with a diverse range of people, putting them at their ease.	E	A, I, P
	Energetic, enthusiastic, imaginative, approachable, friendly and helpful	E	A, I, P
	Excellent interpersonal skills	E	A, I, P
	Able to manage own time and work independently, while working well in a team	E	A, I,
	Knowledge of safeguarding, confidentiality and GDPR	E	A, I, Q
	Knowledge of music, poetry and performing arts	D	A, I, P, Q
Other Requirements	In accordance with the Equality Act 2010, Part 1, Schedule 9, it is a genuine occupational requirement that the post holder is a practicing and professing Christian. It is a requirement that the appointee is a Christian sympathetic to Methodism, which is a growing, inclusive, evangelistic and justice seeking church	E	A, I, P
	Satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the DBS	E	Q
	Willingness to travel between Bangor, Llandudno and Connaught Quay (though not necessarily with own transport).	E	A, I,
	Flexible in approach to working hours/patterns with expectation of working evenings and weekends	E	A, I,
	Right to Live and Work in the UK	E	Q
	Open to engaging with the language and culture of Wales	D	A, I,

A - Application form; I – Interview; P - Presentation; Q- proof of qualification (certificates or transcripts)